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SUBJECT: DESIRE OF FEA VICE PRESIDENT TO DRIVE FROM
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REF: (A) BONN 20681, (B) BONN 20588

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH POSITION TAKEN BY ALLIED
REPS IN BONN GROUP CONCERNING PROPOSED TRAVEL BY PRIVATE
CAR OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY VICE PRESIDENT FROM
BERLIN TO FRG, AND WELCOMES FRG DECISION TO DEFER TRAVEL
AT LEAST UNTIL THE HOLIDAY RUSH IS OVER.

2. WHILE WE AGREE THAT DECISION WHETHER FRG SHOULD
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RAISE SELF-IMPOSED BAN ON USE OF TRANSIT ROUTES BY FEA

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PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT IS ESSENTIALLY FOR FRG
TO TAKE, WE WOULD HOPE GERMANS HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH
CONSEQUENCES IF PROBES SHOULD BE TURNED BACK. SPECIFICALLY,
WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, THE
FRG WOULD PLAN TO UNDERTAKE AGAINST THE GDR SHOULD
ALLIED PROTESTS TO THE SOVIETS REGARDING AN ABORTIVE
PROBE PROVE UNAVAILING.

3. SHOULD FRG DECIDE TO PROCEED, WE ASSUME IT WILL
RECOGNIZE NEED TO AVOID PUBLICITY, EITHER BEFORE OR
AFTER PROBE TAKES PLACE. ROBINSON

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